

A Publication of News and Events

It is our right to maintain our town as a whole. New or old, when you move to Trappe you're a citizen of the town and we welcome you and ask you to help continue to make this a great place to live.

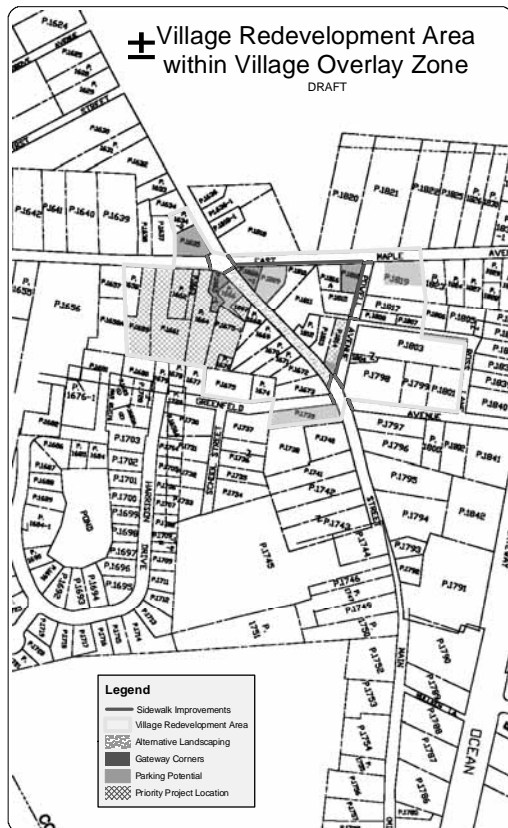
Edgar Harrison, Town Commissioner

If there is an impact on our road, well then by golly those impact fees should be spent on that road.

Frank Hall, Town Planner on impending County Excise Tax/Impact Fees

The one thing we really try to do is listen to Trappe citizens. Our concern is for the general wellbeing of the residents of the town and our neighbors. Anything we do is for the long term good of the town. We have not forgotten that this is a town of citizens not just five commissioners.

Cheryl Lewis, President, Town Commissioners



Village Redevelopment Sub-Area

At a Workshop held on June 9th, the Planning Commission, together with Town Planner, Frank Hall, and Town attorney, Brynja Booth, conducted a final review of the Village Overlay zoning and ordinances, including a recently-designated Village Redevelopment Sub-area (outlined on map). The plan creates a Village Center Area that encourages mixed residential, small-scale commercial, and multiuse development while still preserving the village scale and character. "Right now in the town of Trappe, if you need to buy a soda or an ice cream or even a gallon of milk, you have to drive on Route 50," Frank Hall said. "Smart growth dictates that a town like ours should be a walkable community."

At the June 16th regular Planning meeting, the Planning Commission sent a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to adopt the Village Redevelopment Area as a sub-area to the town's existing Village Overlay. According to the ordinance, the Village Overlay Zone's purpose is to implement the town's comprehensive plan using traditional small-town or neighborhood-type development while preserving Trappe's unique character.

The Village Re-development Sub-Area will work with the town's comprehensive plan to "promote and encourage revitalization of the existing downtown or Village Center by permitting small-scale commercial and/or non-residential development by special exception," provided the development complies with the Village Overlay Zone design standards. Underlying zoning will remain intact. It is hoped that uses such as food shop, financial institution, artisan's studio, bed & breakfast, barber shop, fix-it shop, and professional office (e.g. doctor, dentist, attorney) will improve services, add shopping convenience, and provide public gathering places while also dressing up the area. Hall said the town's intent is a

"more active community where people can interact with each other and enjoy the amenities that so many other small towns have. This doesn't override or supercede anything that we've already approved." Other issues such as parking, sidewalks, landmarks, building, stock, gateways, public greens, landscaping, and crosswalks were also reviewed.

Special exception uses for development in the Village area will require public notification and the planning commission will be part of the entire development process from recommendation to the Board of Appeals and subdivision and site plan reviews to issuing building permits for new downtown development. "It really gives people the opportunity to have their say," Hall said. "There's a huge opportunity for public involvement."



PLANNING COMMISSION:

Trappe East Update

On June 16th the Planning Commission listened to responses to a list of 31 questions and comments presented to Robert Rauch and Nicholas P.H. Rocks, the applicants in the Trappe East development. Following the review, Rauch requested a final decision on the commission's recommendation of the project to the Town Council, which after due process would have the opportunity to vote on applying PN (Planned Neighborhood) zoning to the project. However, although he stated that the developer has complied with all requirements of the submission, Town Planner, Frank Hall advised the planning commissioners to postpone their vote until July, allowing every member of the commission ample time to review the project with him on a one-on-one basis. "I was very pleased with the submittal," Hall said. "The developers really listened to our requests and concerns over the past few months. They submitted a good project; we just need more time to review it."

Lyons Farm Proposed Annexation

At the June 16th Planning Commission meeting, Robert Karen and his attorney, Joseph A. Stevens of Stevens & Associates, made a preliminary request for proposed annexation into the town of 172.309 acres of land known as the Lyons Farm, located at the intersection of Md. Route 565 and White Marsh Rd., adjacent to White Marsh Elementary School. The applicant stated that they intend to submit a plan that is in compliance with the town's Comprehensive Plan and PN (Planned Neighborhood) ordinances. They made a brief, four-point outline of benefits to the town that would result from the development: 1) additional revenues to relieve some or all of the town's sewer and water debt and contribute to ongoing maintenance of the plant; 2) improvements to areas surrounding the development, including safety upgrades to the Route 565-White Marsh Rd.-Lovers La. intersection at the main entrance to White Marsh Elementary; 3) financial commitment to the downtown revitalization, which could include such amenities as a library and storm sewer upgrades; 4) compliance with a Master Plan for the subdivision.

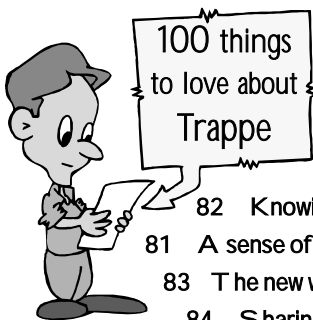
"This town exemplifies citizenship," Mr. Karen said during the presentation. "We want to be a good, long-term corporate citizen and believe that any development should play a role in the town's future."

A public hearing on the annexation request will be held on **July 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department.**



Attention

The Town Council has openings on a few of their boards. If you are interested - please submit a short paragraph including your name, address & phone #, along with a little bit about your self. Many councils only require a few hours a year, so please think about serving your town.



LOOK!! ATTENTION!!! AHM . . .

We are nearing the end of our list and seeking a special entry for #100.
Please submit your suggestions soon to be published in next month's *Index*.

Thanks to Rose Palumbo, Robert Crosswell, Jim Dawson & Cheryl Lewis this month...

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The Index ~ CELEBRATING ONE YEAR of MONTHLY PUBLICATION!!

Last year around this time it was suggested that the town publish it's quarterly newsletter with updates on events and news on a monthly basis, to be mailed along with town water bills. The next water bill mailing was scheduled for just a few days later and we quickly put together the July 2003 issue, which was one page printed on both sides. Over the past year we have published *The Index* every month and grown to 6-8 pages of news from our Town Office, school, churches, youth groups, and other entities. Thanks to Ann Dorbin and Cheryl Lewis for writing, editing, and designing *The Index* each month, and to Joedy Cecil, Jeannie George, Frank Hall, Don English, and all others who help publish and distribute each issue. We have even recruited our youth, including Maria Brophy and Jennifer Davis to help with stuffing mailings. *The Index* is written, published, and distributed by volunteers; it is a true labor of love. Submissions from the community are always welcome. Stay tuned and stay involved as we begin our second year.

FREE Contorted Willows. No, these are not trees doing yoga! They are very good trees to plant in low places where water tends to collect after a rain. They are attractive, help use the water, and even the bare branches are pretty in flower arrangements. Call Elizabeth Ferguson 410-476-4858



Hattie Leonard celebrates her 90th birthday on July 29th.
The Easton High School Girls Softball Team won the State Championship.
The Easton High School Boys Baseball Team competed in the State Semi-Final playoffs.

The Index is now available online, along with lots of other local info. Visit the town Web site: www.trappemd.net Logon today!!



Delegates
Jeanne Haddaway
& Addie Eckert
join Program
Coordinator,
Tonya Pritchett
at an Open House
for Scotts UMC
After School
Tutorial Program



THOSE LAZY, CRAZY, HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER . . .



The Mid-Shore League of Republican Women held their meeting at the home of Rush and Ann Moody in Trappe on June 9th, 2004. Mayor Robert Willey was the guest speaker. He spoke in depth about what was happening in and around Easton. His presentation answered many questions that were on the minds of many people, most of all, how the town is addressing the issue of growth and traffic.

Early birds at the
TVFD yard sale,
7:20 a.m.



Sonny Diefenderfer: On the road again...



An Honorary Member Certificate was presented to Delegate Jeanne Haddaway for her outstanding accomplishments in the political arena. A \$1,000 scholarship was given to a very honored student, Margaret Ann Roberts Jefferson, who graduate from Sts. Peter and Paul High School.

Standing: Willey, his wife Betsy, Ruth Voeste, Delegate Addie Eckardt Seated: Margaret Ann Roberts Jefferson & Delegate Jeanne Haddaway

Submitted by: Lura Damron of the Mid-shore League of Republican Women



Ann Williams says it best:
I Love Trappe ♥



The winning team.....



Trappe's finest



It doesn't
get any
better than this...

Strawberry Festival puts the "strawberry" back into the festival.

The Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Trappe United Methodist Church was a huge success this year, with more than 300 in attendance, despite the rainy weather. We reached our goal of providing food, fun and fellowship, as well as, raising over \$1,400.00 allowing us to help send at least 10 children to Camp Pecometh this year.



Ron's Pit Beef and Ham were very popular with the crowd as well as the "build your own" desserts, strawberry shortcake, chocolate dipped strawberries, strawberry pie, smoothies and milkshakes. Next year we hope to fine tune and make more changes to avoid the long lines we had at times. But no one seemed to mind and enjoyed the music of Ellery and Wendy Adams and The Rescue Team during the wait times. We also hope to have more strawberries by the quart for sale. This was in big demand and we ran out early. I loved seeing the eyes light up and the excitement of the children, both young and old when Ephraim Diefenderfer and the Trappe VFD arrived for Hay and Fire Truck Rides.

With this being my first year as chairman, I was in awe of the wonderful work and the tireless energies of the volunteers that made this event come together so smoothly. From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank each and every one of them. I applaud their efforts and the support they gave me throughout the planning stages. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Jane Groves and Nancy Dunn. Without Jane's encouragement and support, I may have missed this wonderful experience. Nancy Dunn was a blessing. She provided the foundation for the festival and led me in the right direction when I was confused or floundering. Both of these fine women added their special touches to the Festival and I found we made a wonderful team working together.



Jane Groves, Nancy Dunn & Rose Palombo

Along with the volunteers that helped put this thing together, I'd like to thank those who attended the festival and made this event happen. Thanks also go to the many sponsors and people who made donations to help deter expenses and made contributions or donated items for our silent auction.

It's about people. People working together, people having fun together and people sharing the spirit of the Strawberry Festival for a worthy cause. I am truly blessed to have been a part of it.

With Gratitude, I thank you all. Rose A. Palombo, Chairman-2004



SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

Legal Integrity, LLC

Trappe Attorney Offers Service with a Smile AND a Donation to the Town

Ron Brigerman, an attorney who lives on Farms Lane in Trappe, has opened a new office, practicing personal injury, real estate, and family law. Brigerman graduated from Mount St. Marys College with a B.S. in Business and Finance, and completed law school at the University of Baltimore School of Law. He has extensive experience in the insurance and real estate industries and recently opened his own practice in Cambridge. He and his wife, Kerry, who teaches third grade at White Marsh Elementary, have three children, Krysten (12), Kelsey (8), and new baby Kylie (5 ½ months).

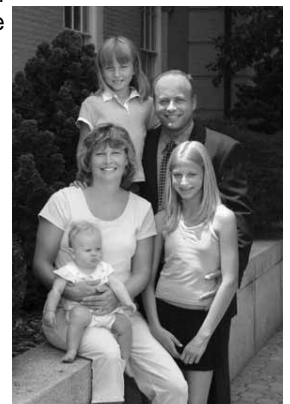
As a softball and soccer coach, Ron noticed the devotion of parents to their children. "All parents care tremendously about their children," he says. "I saw them constantly getting their children to games and practices and cheering in the stands. It occurred to me, why not extend that caring in another very important way—legal protection in the event of tragedy?"

Busy schedules often keep parents from drafting these legal documents. Now Trappe residents have the opportunity to have these documents prepared and benefit the community at the same time. Legal Integrity offers a package of three basic documents: Will, Power of Attorney, and Advanced Medical Directive. The cost for this package is \$175 and Ron has agreed to donate \$25 of his fee to the Trappe organization (Town Office, Little League, Fire Department, Churches, Youth Groups, etc.) of choice for each Trappe resident for whom he prepares the documents.

"My family has played a huge part in my being able to pursue my career goals," Ron says. "I want to encourage others to protect their loved ones while giving something back to the community."



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ronb@dmv.com



Moving On . . .

By Pastor Ruthann Simpson

Six years ago, I met with the Trappe United Methodist Church Pastor Parish Relations Committee for the first time. I was nervous, and I believe so were they. A few weeks ago we met together for the last time, as it was made known that I was reassigned to the Mardela Springs charge as of July 1, 2004. This time we were not so nervous, instead it was a rather sad occasion. Neither the charge nor I had asked for this move and it came as quite a shock.

As I sit and write this, I find it very difficult. There are so many emotions running through me that it's hard to focus on what I want to say so I'll simply say Thank-You. You have cared for us and loved us for all these years and I can't tell you how important that has been to us. We came into an uncertain situation and you showed us security. You helped raise our daughter, and taught her to love church and people. Most of all you have been kind and supportive. I pray and trust that you will do the same for your new Pastor. For I have found it to be true, loving one another is the greatest gift we have to give.

June 20th, members of the congregation and community joined in a farewell gathering for the Simpson family.



**Hattie Leonard says
goodbye to Ruthann**



**George & Abigail
Simpson enjoy the
scrapbook received as a
gift from the congrega-
tion**



Landscaping Project Aids Nace Hopkins Cemetery

Leola Brown, Posey Boicourt, James Brown, Mildred Craig, Charles Stanley, The Rev. Robert Brown, Donald Brown, and Wilmore Smith participated in a landscaping project at the historic Nace Hopkins Cemetery, sponsored by the Nace Hopkins Committee of Scotts UMC and the Garden

Club of the Eastern Shore. Twenty-two hollies, a mix of 22 oak leaf, blue princess, and Japanese hollies, were planted to enclose the cemetery. The bushes will grow to about 8 feet and are designed to protect the 19th century graveyard from traffic on Route 50 and help maintain the dignity of the site. Plans are in place for future plantings, along with two wrought iron gates at either end of the cemetery.

As of May 8, 2004, Trappe and Faith Chapel United Methodist Churches had raised an amazing \$24,343 from yard sales held since September 1998. It really does pay to reuse and recycle unneeded items!!



Shown here, Carol Lange and Donna DuHoffman browse for bargains at TUMC yard sale.



New House

Earl Hall & Sharon Watts-Hall La Trappe Heights

(photo courtesy of
Trappe United Methodist Church)



Rev. Cindy Burkert is the new pastor for Trappe United Methodist Church and Faith Chapel United Methodist Churches starting July 1st. Rev. Burkert and her husband, Jack come to Trappe from the northern Delaware Newark United Methodist Church, where she served as associate pastor. Before that, she was pastor at the Worton/Fairlee Charge.

Aug 1st - Easton Fire House Basket Bingo sponsored by the Sea Watch Relay Team/Talbot County Relay for Life. Call Gwen @ 410-822-7500 for tickets.

Do you know someone new to the neighborhood? Trappe United Methodist Church has a program to deliver a small Welcome Basket to newcomers, including information about the area, schools, about local businesses, etc. Also included are baked goodies, a houseplant, or Trappe Book. Please contact Elizabeth Ferguson at 410.476.4858 with information about new residents. Businesses located in Trappe or owned by Trappe residents, may also contact Elizabeth about including (at no charge) information about their business in the Welcome Baskets. Note: donations of Trappe Books (any number) would be most appreciated.

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









July 2004

Freedom is never free.

~Author Unknown

*Old Glory
Over Main Street*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Members of the Seven Sisters Quilt Guild display the "Friendship Star" (in memory of Louise Hanes) quilt they donated to this year's Family Fun Days Silent Auction. Each year, the guild donates a quilt in red, white and blue colors to the event.			1 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. AA Mtg 6:30pm St. Paul's Trappe VFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm	2 St. Paul's Artist's Group 9:30 am 	3 Scott's UMC Chicken BBQ 
4 Independence Day  TMUC Welcomes New Pastor, Rev. Burkett at Sunday Service	5 WMES July 5th thru 20th Summer School: Math Monday-Thursday July 5th thru 30th Summer School: Individual Tutoring Sessions - Reading Monday-Thursday	6 SUMC 7:30 pm Mens's Bible Study Trappe UMC 29299 Maple Ave Bible Study 1:15 pm	7 Trappe Town Meeting 7:30 pm Town Hall SUMC 11am Young @ Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible BOOKMOBILE 3:00 - 3:45 PM @ old ball park Main Street	8 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. AA Mtg 6:30 pm St. Paul's Trappe VFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm	9 St Paul's 9:30 am Artist's Group Seven Sisters Quilting TVFD 7 pm 	10 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast 
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18 Scott's UMC Family & Friends Day 3:30 PM	19 Please submit Calendar Events and News Items to the Town Office or call Ann Dorbin at 410-476-3910 or email tinman@friend.ly.net NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE is July 18, 2004	20 Trappe UMC 29299 Maple Ave Bible Study 1:15 pm Scott's UMC Men's Study 7:30 pm	21 Trappe Planning Commission Mtg 7:30 pm Talbot County Library Bookmobile 3-3:45 pm Old Ballpark on Main Street SUMC 11 am Young at Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible TCPS BRD MTG 7pm EHS	22 Trappe VFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm Scott's UMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. AA Mtg. 6:30 pm St. Paul's	23 St Paul's 9:30 am Artist's Group Seven Sisters Quilting TVFD 7 pm 	24 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast 
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4th Annual Old Fashioned Family Fun Days Carnival - July 14-17

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

The newspaper you put out for Trappe is the best I've ever seen! My husband just became mayor in Preston and I share it with him, we covet you! It's just the thing for promoting involvement in a small town. You're the best! Nurse Wendy (Jenkins), WMES

We really appreciate your help with this...we have had a great turn out from the community and hope to bring in even more folks from Trappe.

Steve Moody, Line Dancing, TVFD

Scott's Crabcakes

Ron's Pit
Beef & Ham

Burgers,
Dogs & Fires

Ice Cream

Silent Auction
Flea Market
Craft Show
Cake Booth

FUN !

4th Annual Trappe Family Fun Days Carnival

Old Ball Park on Main Street

July 14th JR's Midnight Express & free soda 1st 300 people

July 15th Bracelet night for \$15 ride/ride/ride

July 16th Little Miss Trappe Contest / Line Dancing

July 17th Annual Parade 6pm & Miss Trappe Contest